GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department - Allegation of violation of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964 against Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, former Assistant Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj, Visakhapatnam and presently Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), PIU Sub-Division, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991 – Article of Charges – Issued.

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**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIGILANCE.I) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.RT.No. 559** **Dated: 05-10-2020.**

**Read:**

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From the DG, ACB, AP, Vijayawada, Letter Rc. No. 180/RCA-CIU/2015, dated: 27.06.2018 & 21.08.2020.

O R D E R:

It is proposed to hold an inquiry against Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, former Assistant Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj, Visakhapatnam and presently Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), PIU Sub-Division, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District on the allegation of violation of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (conduct) Rules, 1964 in accordance with the procedure laid down under rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of article of charges (Annexure- I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehaviour in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure-III and IV).

3. Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, former Assistant Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj, Visakhapatnam and presently Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), PIU Sub-Division, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District is directed to submit a Written statement of his defence within 10 days of the receipt of this order.

4. Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR) is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge as are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defence on or before the date specified in para 3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available on record.

6. Attention of Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (PR) is invited to rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of the order together with its enclosures shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, former Assistant Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj, Visakhapatnam and presently Assistant Executive Engineer (PR), PIU Sub-Division, Sabbavaram, Visakhapatnam District (w.e)

**through**: through Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada (with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Government,)

**Copy to:**

The Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau,A.P, Vijayawada.
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi. SF/SC.

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

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**ANNEXURE-I**

STATEMENT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI DUPPALA RAVI KUMAR, S/O. LATE BHIMARAO, AGE 51 YEARS, FORMER ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, V&QC DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM AND PRESENTLY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU SUB-DIVISION, SABBAVARAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

**.OOO.**

That Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, S/o. Late Bhimarao, Joined into Government Service as Assistant Executive Engineer on 31.08.1991 in the Panchayatraj Department and worked as such in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, CERP Project, Paderu, Visakhapatnam till 28.02.1994. He was deputed to the Tribal Welfare Department as Asst. Executive Engineer on 15.03.1994 and worked in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District till 30.06.2011. He worked as Asst. Executive Engineer in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Kothavalasa from 01.07.2011 to 18.08.2015. Later he was transferred and posted as Asst. Executive Engineer in the O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Visakhapatnam on 24.08.2015 and worked there till the date of searches i.e., 19.12.2015. Sri D.Ravi Kumar during the course of his Government service has committed the following grave misconduct in as much as.

**CHARGE No.1.**

He failed to obtain prior permission from the competent authority or to give intimation for the purchase or to dispose movable and immovable properties in his name and in the names of his dependent family members and thereby violated Rule 9(1) &
(2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

**CHARGE No. 2:**

He failed to submit the annual property returns during his service except for the year 2014, during his Government Service from 1991 to 2015 and thereby violated Rule 9(7) of A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

**CHARGE No. 3**:

He failed to intimate to his competent authority about receipt of foreign currency funds received by him from his brother-in-law within 15 days from the date of receipt of such funds and thereby violated Rule 6-A of A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Thus Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, Asst. Executive Engineer, O/o EE, Panchayat Raj, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct unbecoming of Government Servant and thereby contravened Rules 3 (1) and (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules 1964.

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER.

**ANNEXURE** - II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATION OF MISCONDUCT AND MISBEHAVIOUR IN SUPPORT OF ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI DUPPALA RAVI KUMAR, S/O. LATE BHIMARAO, AGE 51 YEARS, FORMER ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, V&QC DIVISION, VISAKHAPATNAM AND PRESENTLY ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PR, PIU SUB-DIVISION, SABBAVARAM, VISAKHAPATNAM DISTRICT

**.OOO.**

That Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, S/o Late Bhimarao, Joined into Government Service as Assistant Executive Engineer on 31.08.1991 in the Panchayatraj Department and worked in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, CERP Project, Paderu, Visakhapatnam till 28.02.1994. He was deputed to the Tribal Welfare Department as Asst. Executive Engineer on 15.03.1994 and worked in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Ananthagiri, Visakhapatnam District till 30.06.2011. He worked as Asst. Executive Engineer in the O/o Deputy Executive Engineer, PIU, PR, Kothavalasa from 01.07.2011 to 18.08.2015. Later he was transferred and posted as Asst. Executive Engineer in the O/o Executive Engineer, Panchayatraj Vigilance and Quality Control Division, Visakhapatnam on 24.08.2015 and worked there till the date of searches i.e., 19.12.2015. He is drawing a basic pay of Rs. 77,300/-. His date of attaining the age of superannuation is on 30.06.2024 (He is hereinafter referred to as Government Servant).

That on credible information that Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, S/o Late Bhimarao, Age; 51 years, Assist. Executive Engineer, O/o Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj Department, Visakhapatnam, R/o D.No.39-9-107/5, Sector-9, Tenneti Nagar, Murali Nagar, Visakhapatnam had acquired assets disproportionate to his known source of income, a case in Cr.No.05/RCA-CIU/VJA/2015 U/s 13(2) r/w 13(1)(e) of P.C. Act. 1988 was registered on 18.12.2015 after observing all legal formalities and investigated into.

That during the course of investigation, after obtaining search warrants from Honourable III Addl. District Judge-cum- special Judge for ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam, simultaneous searches were conducted on 19.12.2015 at the residential houses of the Government Servant and those of his relatives, associates and seized incriminating documents with regard to his assets, income and expenditure.

During the course of investigation, letters were addressed to 1) Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District, 2) Executive Engineer, PR (PIU),Vizianagaram, 3) Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam with request to furnish the details of permission obtained by the Government Servant to purchase movable and immovable properties in his name and in the name of his family members and

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regarding submission of Annual Property Returns. In replies the authorities concerned vide their letters viz., 1) Letter Rc. No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, DI: 27.11.2017 O/o the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District, 2) Letter Rc.No. 58/2014/F2, dt. 05.02.2016 O/o Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Vizianagaram, 3) Letter Rc.No. 1424/2015/SA1, dated; 29.12.2015 of the Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam informed that the Government Servant in his entire service has never obtained prior permission, while purchasing the movable and immovable properties in his name or in the name of his family members. The Government Servant did not submit Annual Property Returns to his competent authorities, during his tenure except for the year, 2014 and also he did not intimate to his competent authorities about receipt of funds in the shape of foreign currency.

CHARGE No.1.

The Government Servant failed to obtain prior permission from the competent authority to purchase or to dispose following movable/ immovable properties in his name and in the names of his family members.

That during his Government service Sri D. Ravi Kumar has purchased the following immovable & movable properties in his name and in the name of his family members.

**1) The Government Servant has purchased house plot No.22 at Chodipalli Village, Yelamanchili Mandal, Visakhapatnam District in his name vide Doc. No. 0311999 DI:02.01.1999 of the Joint Sub Registrar, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District for Rs.12,000/-.**

The Government Servant purchased a house plot measuring 240 sq. yards bearing Plot No.22, in survey number 124/4, 125/3 of Chodipalli Village, Yelamanchili mandal, Visakhapatnam District vide Doc.No.03/1999 of SRO, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District dt.02-01-1999 in his name for Rs.12000/-.

The Sub Registrar, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District had furnished the certified copy of sale deed 03/1999 dated: 02-01- 1999 of SRO, Yelamanchili vide his letter No. 79/2017/YLM dated: 27.10.2017 confirms the above transaction.

**2) The Government Servant has purchased a Flat No.202 in Dwaraka Diamond Apartment, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam in his name and in the name of his wife Smt. Ronakni Udayasree vide Doc. No. 1556/2014, Dtd: 03.05.2014 of the Joint Sub Registrar, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam for Rs.52,31,0001-.**

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The Government Servant purchased Plot No.145,admeasuring about 604 sq. yds. in Sy.No.683/1 at House. No. 48- 8-7/2, Flat 202, 1st floor, admeasuring 1660 Sq. feet situated at Dwaraka diamond apartment, Allipuram, Visakhapatnam, vide Doc.No.1556/2014 of Sub- Registrar Office, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam Dt.03.05.2014 in his name and in the name of his wife for Rs.50,47,000/- vide BA NO. 11570/2011/ACP-II/G1 Dt. 10.06.2011 and Assessment No. 1086124584 (100003/40516),
Dt. 27-11-2015.

The Sub Registrar, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam had furnished the certified copy of sale deed 1556/2014 dated:03.05.2014 of SRO, Dwarakanagar vide his letter No. NIL, Dated.28.11.2015 confirms the above transaction.

The Deputy Director (Engg.), A.C.B., Vijayawada has evaluated the above building Extra amenities on 25.05.2017 and worked out the cost of construction of above building extra amenities @ Rs.1,84,000/- besides document value of Rs, 50,47,000/- i.e., of Rs.52,31,000/- after deducting 10% towards self supervision based on the S.S.R. of 2012 and 2013 of R&B Department.

**3) The Government Servant has purchased Alto Car bearing No. AP31 CA0168 on 03.10.2012 in his name.**

Government Servant purchased a Maruthi Alto Car vide Registration No. AP 31 CA 0168 on 03-10-2012 in his name for Rs.3,43,550/- from Varun motors PVT. Ltd.- VSP-(1213), Kasturba Marg, Siripuram, Visakhapatnam.

During the house searches at the house of the Government Servant on 19.12.2015 the Maruthi Alto Car, vide Registration No. AP 31 CA 0168 was found parked in front of the house.

The Authorized signatory, Varun Motors Pvt. Ltd, Varun Towers, Kasturba Marg, Siripuram Visakhapatnam furnished letter dtd: 02.01.2018 confirming the purchase of Alto Car bearing AP31 CA 0168 confirms the above transaction.

The Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District vide letter Rc.No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, Dt: 27.11.2017 informed that the Government Servant has never obtained any permission as per Rule 9(1) & (2) of A.P Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, while purchasing the properties in his name or in the name of his family members.

**CHARGE No. 2:**

That as per Rule 9(7) of APCS Conduct Rules, 1964 every government employee shall on 1st appointment and later every year shall submit Annual property Returns before 15th of January of every year to the concerned authorities.

That as per the information furnished through 1) Letter Rc.No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, Dt: 27.11.2017 O/o the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District, 2) Letter Rc.No. 58/2014/F2, dt. 05.02.2016 O/o Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Vizianagaram, 3) Letter Rc.No. 1424/2015/SA1, dated, 29.12.2015 of the Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam informed that the Government Servant did not submit Annual Property Returns to his competent authorities except for the year 2014 during his tenure from 1991 to 2015.

**CHARGE No. 3:**

That during the course of investigation the Government Servant submitted his explanation, in which he contended that he received foreign currency interest free hand loan in the form of online transfers from his brother-in-law Sri. Ronanki Sivasree, to his account No. 52008228137 (Rs.2,49,900/-) in SBH, Muralinagar Branch, Visakhapatnam on 26.12.2013. The initial deposit in the account of Government Servant's brother-in-law is in the form of U.S Dollars and the same were transferred to the accounts of Government Servant in the form of Indian Rupee.

The Branch Manager, State Bank of India (previously SBH), Muralinagar Branch, Visakhapatnam vide his letter dated:18.06.2018 furnished the account statement of Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar, Government Servant, which discloses the transfer of money from the account of Sri. Ronanki Sivasree to the account of Sri Duppala Ravi Kumar.

As per the information furnished by Executive Engineer, PR (PIU), Vizianagaram vide letter Rc.No. 58/2014/F2, dt. 05.02.2016 that the Government Servant did not intimate to his competent authority about receipt of foreign currency.

That Sri D.Ravi Kumar, therefore failed to obtain prior permission from the competent authority for the purchase of movable and immovable properties in his name, failed to file his annual property returns and failed to intimate the competent authority the receipt of foreign currency and thereby violated rule 9 (1) (2) (7) and 6-A of APCS (conduct) Rules, 1964.

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Thus, Sri D.Ravi Kumar, AEE, O/o E.E., Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Panchayat Raj Department, Visakhapatnam by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of integrity, devotion to duty and conduct, unbecoming of a Government Servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and (2) of A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) rules, 1964.

The Government Servant has therefore rendered himself liable for regular Departmental Action for major penalty.

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

SECTION OFFICER.

ANNEXURE – III

## LIST OF WITNESSES:

**Charge-1:**

1. **The Sub Registrar, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District.**
2. The Sub Registrar, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam.
3. The Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.
4. The Authorized signatory, Varun Motors Pvt. Ltd, Varun Towers, Kasturba Marg, Siripuram Visakhapatnam.
5. Kum. A.Rama Devi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti-Corruption Bureau, CIU, Hyderabad, camp at Visakhapatnam.
6. Sri M.Maheswara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.
7. If any witness found necessary, he would be produced during the course of enquiry.

**Charge-2:**

I. The Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.

2. The Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.
3. The Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam
4. Kum A.Rama Devi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau, CIU, Hyderabad, camp at Visakhapatnam.

S. Sri M.Maheswara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.

6. If any witness found necessary, he would be produced during the course of enquiry.

**Charge-3:**

1. The Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.
2. The Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.
3. The Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam.
4. The Branch Manager, State Bank of India (previously SBH), Muralinagar Branch, Visakhapatnam.

5. Kum. A.Rama Devi, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti- Corruption Bureau, CIU, Hyderabad, camp at Visakhapatnam.

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6. Sri M.Maheswara Rao, Inspector of Police, ACB, Vizianagaram Range, Vizianagaram.
7. If any witness found necessary, he would be produced during the course of enquiry.

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**ANNEXURE –IV**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS:**

**Charge-1:**

1. Letter No.79/2017/YLM, dated: 27.10.2017 of the Sub Registrar, Yelamanchili, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Letter No. NIL, Dated.28.11.2015 of SRO, Dwarakanagar, Visakhapatnam.
3. Letter Rc.No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, Dt: 27.11.2017 of the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.
4. Letter Dtd:02.01.2018 of the Authorized signatory, Varun Motors Pvt. Ltd, Varun Towers, Kasturba Marg, Siripuram Visakhapatnam.

Charge-2:

1. Letter Rc.No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, Dt: 27.11.2017 of the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Letter Re.No. 58/2014/F2, dt. 05.02.2016 of the Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.
3. Letter Rc.No. 1424/2015/SA1, dated; 29.12.2015 of the Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam.

Charge-3:

1. Letter Rc.No.73/2017/AB/A3/ACB, Dt: 27.11.2017 of the Executive Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, Paderu, Visakhapatnam District.
2. Letter Rc.No. 58/2014/F2, dt. 05.02.2016 of the Executive Engineer, PR(PIU), Vizianagaram.
3. Letter Rc.No. 1424/2015/SA1, dated; 29.12.2015 of the Executive Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control, Visakhapatnam.
4. Letter dated:18.06.2018 of the Branch Manager, State Bank of India (previously SBH), Muralinagar Branch, Visakhapatnam.

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